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## AUSTIN.

State Solons Assemble and Both Houses Organize.

R. Gibson Elected Speaker of the House.

Other Officers Elected and Members Present.

Address by Lieut. Governor Story Before the Senate.

Senate.

to the Gazette.

January 9.—Pursuant to the senate met to-day at 12 m. and

ordered to order by Lieutenant Governor L. J. Story. Prayer by Rev. K. Smoot of Travis. The roll

called when the following members were to the senate:

District, S. B. Cooper; Second

F. L. Johnson; Fourth Dis-

trict, J. C. Buchanan; Fifth

District, J. Y. Gooch; Eighth

District, J. H. Harris; Ninth

District, J. H. Harris; Tenth

District, J. H. Harris; Eleventh

District, J. H. Harris; Twelfth

District, J. H. Harris; Thirteenth

District, J. H. Harris; Fourteenth

District, J. H. Harris; Fifteenth

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District, J. H. Harris; Sixty-fourth

to the actual necessities of the state government, and in this effort to secure one dollar for school purposes under our present constitution, three dollars has been required to lay idle in the treasury, and thus the large cash balance, about which so much has been said and written, has in a great measure been created, and while an unnecessary large cash balance may never be desirable in a state treasury, ours will yet prove a great blessing to the people of Texas, if properly expended under laws which should be enacted by this legislature. There is doubtless many demands made upon this cash balance, which, if granted will redound to the good of Texas, but it seems to me that no one interest deserves a greater share than the demands of humanity loudly calling from every county in the state for an enlargement of the lunatic asylum and a change in the laws governing that institution as well as an extension in its designs and objects. Today there are 1,700 unfortunate insane people in the state, while but three hundred and sixty-four are confined in the asylum. Hundreds of others are confined in county jails while not a few are penned up like wild beasts in dens prepared for them, while through many long years their sad and necessarily neglected condition has been a disgrace to our civilization and a horror to the community in which they are confined. Humanity demands that this class of our people be cared for, protected and furnished homes at the expense of the state, if necessary, for life, or until restored in our asylum, where there is some hope of restoration of health. As far back as 1873, the legislature of Texas demanded such a change in the laws of the state, but a veto by the governor then defeated the measure. The cash balance in our treasury answers the principal objection then urged by the executive of the state to the passage of that bill. Is not this an opportune time for the legislature to respond to the demands of humanity, and wipe out the disgrace so long resting upon the state by reason of our failure in the past to make ample provisions for the care and protection of this helpless class of our people? We are able to respond to the demands of the times, and should not falter in the discharge of our duty. Private enterprises are pushing forward the car of progress in every direction, and ten thousand agents are working in the interest of many millions of invested capital are bringing to our shores a mighty tide of immigration from every quarter of the globe to increase our civilization, magnify our wealth, energize our hopes and develop our resources. Shall the state be less energetic and progressive? Rather let her keep pace with this progressive age, and hesitate not to make even radical changes in the laws when necessary to secure to citizens the fullest protection demanded by their condition of life. Trusting that you will with the assistance of the coordinate branches of the government, be able to secure to the country all needful reforms, I now declare the senate in session and ready to proceed to business."

The senate then proceeded to organize by the election of the following officers: A. W. Houston of Bexar county, president pro tem; W. N. Ramsey of Shelby county, secretary; C. N. Baylor of Hamilton county, first assistant secretary; W. M. Hunter of Travis county, second assistant; J. H. Kirby of Tyler county, clerk; A. M. Belmont of Parker county, crossing clerk; J. E. Kaufman of Galveston county, enrolling clerk; Ferg. Kyle of Hays county, sergeant-at-arms; J. M. Burk of Milam county, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Wm. Fitzhugh of Collin county, door-keeper; Rev. R. K. Smoot of Austin chaplain.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Gooch: That the president appoint two committees of three senators each, one to inform the governor and the other to inform the house of representatives that the senate is organized and ready to proceed to business. Adopted.

The following senators were appointed to wait on the governor: Messrs. Shannon, Gooch and Johnson; to wait on the house, Messrs. Terrell, Gibbs and Patton.

The resolution that senators draw for seats immediately after the morning call to-morrow was adopted. The senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

House.

The house was called to order at 3 o'clock. The roll was called and a quorum present. Mr. Cochran of Dallas offered a resolution providing for the election of house officers, and that they be allowed five dollars a day compensation.

Mr. Chambers of Collin offered an amendment providing that the assistant door keeper and sergeant-at-arms be dispensed with, and also that a committee be appointed to inquire what officers were required and to name the compensation. The amendment was voted down and the original resolution adopted.

Mr. Friemeyer of Houston nominated J. W. Booth of Wise.

Mr. Dennis of Wharton moved to postpone the regular order and to appoint a committee to investigate the right of a member to a seat on the floor, his credentials not being returned to the secretary of state. Lost.

Messrs. Foster, Hill and Wortham were appointed tellers. J. W. Booth received eighty-seven votes to five scattering, and was declared elected and sworn in for first assistant clerk.

Mr. Labatt of Galveston nominated Will Lambert of Travis. Mr. Cochran of Dallas, nominated Geo. W. Finger of Tarrant, and it was seconded by Mr. Chambers of Tarrant. The first ballot resulted; Finger fifty, Lambert thirty-six and Cunningham thirty. For journal clerk, Mr. Johnson of Travis, nominated R. M. Johnston of Travis.

Mr. Foster of Grayson, nominated A. Duggan of San Saba and was seconded by Mr. Cochran of Dallas. Mr. Johnston's nomination was

seconded by Mr. Friemeyer of Houston. Duggan's nomination was also seconded by Mr. Friemeyer of Houston. The first ballot resulted, Duggan sixty, Johnston thirty-four.

For calendar clerk Mr. Foster of Limestone nominated J. S. Boggs of Kaufman, who was elected without opposition.

For engrossing clerk Mr. Moursand of Blanco nominated J. E. Hunter of Comal. Mr. Mathews of Grayson nominated L. C. Daniels. Mr. Cochran of Dallas nominated T. E. Ward. Mr. Dennis of Wharton nominated W. H. Taylor. Mr. Davis of Lamar nominated R. H. Beal. The first ballot was: Hunter 29, Ward 27, Taylor 21, Daniel 8, and Beal 6. The second ballot was nearly a repetition of the first. Hunter was elected on the fourth ballot.

For enrolling clerk, R. W. Loughery of Marion, R. Mahorner of Madison and W. E. Dean of Bowie were nominated. The first ballot resulted: Mahorner 53, Loughery 22, Dean 18. Mahorner was sworn in.

For sergeant-at-arms, John W. Harris of Guadalupe, M. M. Bogus of McLennan, R. D. Allison of Collin, W. T. Hancock of Bell, were nominated. The first ballot resulted: Harris 16, Bogus, 41, Hancock, 25; Allison, 10. Bogus was elected on the second ballot, having received sixty votes. Adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow.

Notes.

B. M. Baker of Wise county, formerly of Panola, will take the position now occupied by Colonel E. N. Hollingsworth as secretary of the state board of education.

There was filed to-day the charter of the Gulf Pier and Harbor Company of Galveston, to reclaim submerged lands under the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, to build wharves and piers, and for the accommodation of commerce. Capital stock \$3,000,000. H. Seeligman, W. L. Moody, M. Quinn, P. T. Tierman, S. H. McElchenie, A. P. Laflin, William Stafford, J. M. Burns, Leon Blum, Thomas McElanahan, Robert M. Franklin, and William Sinclair, are the directors.

## TYLER.

Destructive Fire—Appointed Commissioner—Arrest of a Criminal.

Special to the Gazette.

Tyler, January 9.—A fire broke out here about 11:30 last night in a two story brick building on the south side of the square owned by W. G. Cain, and occupied by A. C. Hunt as a grocery store. It is the supposition that the fire originated in the Knights of Honor Hall in the second story. Another one story brick adjoining, occupied by J. E. Martino as a grocery store, was crushed by the falling of the walls of the other house, and his stock was almost a total loss, but was covered by insurance. Cain's building was insured for \$3,000 and Hunt's stock for \$4,000. Several other merchants sustained more or less loss, by having their goods removed into the street, but all with one exception, was covered by insurance. Three men made almost miraculous escapes. During the excitement they were in Martino's building carrying out what goods they could, when the walls of the two-story brick fell on the house, crushing the roof and walls in on them. Two of them got out just after it fell and a number of men succeeded in rescuing the third man. None of them were seriously injured. Every one present certainly deserves great credit for their prompt actions and their faithful endeavors to prevent a further spread of the fire. Our citizens, for the first time in quite a while, fully realized the importance of waterworks, which we will soon have.

Colonel S. D. Wood of this city, was appointed a United States commissioner in open court this morning by Judge Morrill.

The city marshal of Sherman arrived this morning and took in custody Sam Johnson, who was arrested here a few days since and who is wanted there for rape.

## DENISON.

Successful Burglars—Disastrous Fire—Assignment.

Special to the Gazette.

Denison, Grayson county, January 9.—On Sunday night the burglars seemed out in full force. During their rambles they entered the Southern Hotel, passed out on the roof, raised the skylight of Ruff's Hotel over a room occupied by Colonel Suggs and a Mr. Craig, and by means of a hook and line they raised Suggs' overcoat which was lying on the bed to the roof and finding nothing in it returned it. At this moment Suggs awoke, and the first thing he saw was a black object descending from above, and the first thing he did was to give a war whoop, and then flee from the room. The thieves got about \$500 and jewelry from the guests of the two houses. Geo. Walters has offered \$100 reward for the thieves.

About one o'clock this morning a grocery store on Austin avenue was discovered to be on fire and although the alarm was promptly given the smoke was so thick that nothing could be done to save the stock, and it was burned with the building, and a negro gambling house adjoining was entirely destroyed. Two brothers who were supposed to be sleeping in the store have not been seen since the fire. It is feared they were burned to death.

Bennett & Co., dry goods merchants, made an assignment this evening.

## SERIOUS FIRE.

Detroit, Mich., January 9.—A fire at Wayland, Allen county, yesterday destroyed the entire business portion of the village. Loss \$20,000, partly insured.

## FAILURES.

A Firm at Crockett and One at Groesbeck Assigns.

Crockett.

Special to the Gazette.

Groesbeck.

Special to the Gazette.

MACE AND SLADE.

Both Willing to Meet Sullivan, or Any Other Man in America.

San Francisco, January 9.—Jim Mace and his protegee Slade appeared in a boxing match at the Metropolitan Temple last evening. Slade, when stripped, showed up finely, is well proportioned throughout, heavily muscled arms and shoulders, powerful loins and good legs. In the sparring match he showed to be active on foot, a quick, accurate blitzer. Mace seemed to have little if any advantage in skill over him from the fact that Slade got in more blows than Mace. There was no heavy slugging. Mace made a speech saying he had retired from the ring, but would meet Sullivan or any other man with gloves. In speaking for Slade, he said he had never had gloves on till last year, though previously he had shown himself a good fighter. He would meet Sullivan or any other man in the ring. The general impression among sports at present is, that Slade is a good one.

## LLANO.

A Man Killed While in a Dispute Over a Cattle Trade.

Special to the Gazette.

Llano, Texas, January 9.—Oscar Golsen shot and killed Geo. Porter eight miles south of town about dark yesterday evening. Golsen had bought cattle from Porter and was receiving them at Porter's pen, when Porter tried to put off mortgaged cattle on Golsen. A dispute arose, and Porter with open knife gave Golsen the lie, which Golsen resented, whereupon Porter stabbed Golsen in the left breast. Golsen ran to get out of his way, but was followed by Porter several hundred yards. Golsen had secured a horse by this time and on the saddle was a Winchester. Golsen got off his horse by the roadside, when Porter, who had withdrawn the knife, took a horse from one of the boys who passed him. Porter soon returned and, meeting Golsen, ran onto him with a drawn knife, when Golsen, in self defense, fired. Porter said "you have killed me," and continued to run his horse on to Golsen who kept firing until Porter turned, and running about a hundred yards, fell from the horse a dead man. Every one who knows the young man Golsen, knows him to be a perfect gentleman, and public opinion exonerates him. Golsen's wound is not considered dangerous as the knife did not penetrate the hollow.

## BELTON.

Special to the Gazette.

Belton, Bell county, January 9.—Judge Rhimes convened the special term of the district court yesterday. The lawyers petitioned the court to adjourn for the term, which was done after a few orders had been made. The judge returned to his home in Marlin to-day.

## GAINESVILLE.

Special to the Gazette.

Gainesville, Cooke county, January 9.—This morning, Isom Seisfield, a prominent cotton buyer, shot himself in the breast, the ball passing close to the heart, and now lies in a critical condition. Financial embarrassment is the supposed cause.

## CORSICANA.

Special to the Gazette.

Corsicana, January 9.—In the district court the case of the State vs. Moses Stanford for murder was continued.

O. W. Stone, son-in-law of Lieutenant Governor Martin, died last night from inflammation of the brain, caused by a blow in the temple from a piece of wood while splitting kindling last Saturday.

The higher the office the bigger the pay is not the rule in the German empire. Bismarck, the chancellor of the empire, and next the imperial president, gets a salary of \$14,000 a year, his official residence free, and \$5,000 a year to run it, while the ambassadors in London, St. Petersburg, Paris, Vienna, Constantinople and Rome receive variously from \$37,000 to \$25,000 each, and every ambassador has a free house. The governor of Alsace-Lorraine receives \$45,000, which is the largest salary paid to any state functionary.

The ballet girls of Paris are on a strike, and the amount of suffering in consequence is terrible.

## DALLAS.

More Information About Polk—Suit Against a Land Company—Railroad Matters.

Special to the Gazette.

Dallas, Dallas county, January 9.—The Evening Times has information from parties at Alvarado and Fort Worth that Polk, the defaulting treasurer of Tennessee, passed north via the Missouri Pacific train last night to Fort Worth where, at 11 o'clock he took the west bound Texas and Pacific train for El Paso. He had dismissed his Mexican servant and had employed instead a white and a black servant to allay suspicion, and entrusted the transferring of baggage, etc., to Van Polk. A gentleman in Dallas who traveled northward from Georgetown to Fort Worth on the same train insists that he is positive the Polk party was on board. Polk is related to one of the best families in Dallas and was a classmate at West Point with General W. L. Cabell, ex-mayor of Dallas, and graduated with him. General Cabell says this is the first instance in which a West Point graduate has ever wilfully defaulted; that several have had to resign on account of carelessness in commissary matters, but wilful dishonesty has never before been attached to them.

Samuel H. Milliken, a Weatherford banker, to-day filed a suit in the Federal Court against the "Societe Fonciere et Agricole des Etats Unis," for twenty-three thousand, eight hundred dollars. The defendant is a corporation of Paris and New York French capitalists who have operated extensively in Texas lands having a sort of headquarters at Weatherford.

The old business complications of the Chicago, Texas and Mexican Central Railroad Company, the Anglo American Land and Claim Association, and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad company were closed up and a full and final adjustment and transfer of the railroad property made to the Santa Fe. The Galveston party went home to-night and the Chicago party will remain in the city several days.

Fair, Peere & Shelton who recently failed at Denton with \$40,000 liabilities to-day effected a compromise with their creditors of 33 cents on the dollar, with three, six and twelve month notes. The firm will resume business.

## POLK CAPTURED.

A United States Marshal Holds the Defaulting in Laredo.

Special to the Gazette.

Laredo, January 9.—The defaulting treasurer of Tennessee, Marsh Polk, was arrested in San Antonio on the 6th inst. by Detective Captain John Price, and held over for several hours, but liberated for want of authority. Deputy United States Marshal Joe Sheely, of this city, was informed by the conductor of the incoming International train yesterday morning that Polk had got off his train at a station thirty-five miles from Laredo. Mr. Sheely proceeded to this point and after diligent search found a detective belonging to John Price's outfit, who gave Mr. Sheely assistance; after much persuasion, conducted him to a secluded spot where Polk was hidden, some seven miles from the above named station. Mr. Polk attempted to defend himself, but soon gave it up as a bad game and surrendered. Mr. Sheely, I understood from authority, was offered several thousand dollars by Polk for his release, which he refused, and brought the prisoner to this city on the International train this morning. Polk is now under guard, awaiting the proper documents from the governor of Tennessee. Polk has but little money with him. It is reported that his nephew with his servant succeeded in crossing the Rio Grande with a large sum of money. Mr. Polk is very reticent and will say but little about the affair.

## GALVESTON.

Bound Over to the Criminal Court—Railroad Matters.

Special to the Gazette.

Galveston, Galveston county, January 9.—Thomas Cuddy was, to-day, bound over to the criminal court in a bond of one thousand dollars, upon a charge of assault with intent to rape little Mary Bradley, nine years old. Two hundred and fifty nudes were received to-day off the New York, Texas and Mexican Railroad, for shipment to Havana.

G. B. Nichols has resigned the ticket agency of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, to accept a similar position at Houston for the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, relieving Mr. Turner, who goes to Dallas. William Van Syckle has been appointed to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Nichols.

Trains are now running through from Galveston to Palestine without change, and Galveston instead of Houston is no the southern terminus of the International and Great Northern Railway system.

Ice was prevalent this morning.

## RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Washington, D. C., January 9.—The Mississippi River Committee to-day examined Charles R. Suter and Major Harrod, members of the Mississippi River Commission. The former declared unreservedly in favor of levees as a necessary part of the improvement. Harrod's views coincided with the plans at present being worked out.

## A BLOODY BALL.

Terrible and Deadly Fight at a Country Dance.

Lynchburg, Va., January 9.—At a ball in Bedford county Saturday night, a young lady, Idell Bead, said to Scott Clayton, who was calling the figures, that he was not calling correctly. He gave some sharp response, which was resented by one of Miss Bead's admirers, Armetor Barksdale. The latter called Clayton out and hot words springing on Clayton, inflicted a horrible gash from the right eye to the back of the neck, severing the jugular vein and causing immediate death. The scene in the ball-room was sickening. Women in fancy dresses fainted, falling in the pools of blood and a regular melee followed among the partisans of the men. Barksdale escaped and went to another part of the county, borrowed a gun from an acquaintance and completed the tragedy by shooting himself through the bowels, and dying at five o'clock last evening.

## IN A COAL MINE.

Ten Men Believed to be Dead from an Explosion.

Coulterville, Illinois, January 9.—Yesterday evening a terrible explosion occurred in the coal mine of Jones & Nesbit, near here. The cause is unknown. Twelve persons were in the mine at the time. Two escaped. A man named Mason and a boy of Mason's were at the mouth of the shaft and both were badly hurt.

Last night the relief parties not being able to enter the mine from the foul air rising in dense volumes from the shaft and overpowering them at once, the fate of the ten men is not known, but it is believed impossible for them to escape. The scene about the mine is heartrending, for eight or ten of them have families who are calling on their loved ones whom they hope are alive.

## FLORENCE, ALABAMA.

Death of Malcolm G. Stewart Yesterday Morning.

Special to the Gazette.

Florence, Alabama, January 9.—Malcolm G. Stewart died this morning at ten minutes past 4 o'clock. His remains will be sent to Louisville for interment in his old Kentucky home.

## LONGVIEW.

Special to the Gazette.

Longview, January 9.—To-night at 6 o'clock, a brakeman, D. Smith, was run over and his leg badly crushed. Amputation will be necessary. It seems he was hanging to the locomotive tender with one foot swinging and the other foot slipped throwing him under the wheels. He was carried to the Glass House where Drs. McCutcher and Lawrence will attend to the amputation.

## To Close on Sunday.

Berlin, January 9.—A petition signed by over six thousand persons has been presented at Reichrath asking the enactment of a law closing all commercial and industrial establishments on Sunday.

## The Champion Gourd-Raiser.

Miss Mollie P. Crippin, living at Erin Station, Tennessee, claims to be the champion gourd-raiser (in numbers) in Knox county. From a single vine the past season she raised 125 gourds. They are of the variety known as the siphon or dipper-gourd. She also raised several specimens of the Egyptian luffe or bonnet-gourd, measuring 24 inches.

## Colored Curiosities.

The Paris Kentuckian says there is a colored woman and grown daughter there who have not the sense of smell, and never have had. We have a colored boy in Cyathiana, named Marcus Lee, who has a double head, no forehead, and eyes on the other side of his head, like those of a bull-frog. He is troubled with a keen sense of smell, and so is every body else when he is around.—Cyathiana News.

The London fogs are no joke, although it is the habit of the Londoners to make light of them. The fogs of December appear to have been particularly poisonous, and probably cost the queen more subjects than the late Egyptian war. During one week 637 persons died in London from diseases of the respiratory organs, as the record states "under the influence of the almost continuous fog." But that was an exceptionally fatal foggy week.

Herbert Spencer says that a man's conversation is a sure index to his mental capacity. This is extremely severe upon a man who has just caught the back of his trousers on a nail.

"The New York Herald" had 20 samples of New York lager analyzed, and nothing deleterious to health could be found in them. The experiments were, however, conducted on a purely scientific basis. We don't think the experiment of drinking it was tried." That's a remark from the Philadelphia News, which is evidently densely ignorant of New York experts.

It is a good thing the comet has gone. It put an end to all the agony of humorists, who felt they must say something about the comet, when there was nothing funny to be said.

A Pittsburg firm has employed a Chinaman as book-keeper, and any one who receives a statement from that concern will undoubtedly be thoroughly scared.—Lowell Citizen.